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By Facsimile

Ms. Karen Wolper  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region III  
841 Chestnut Building  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Karen:

Please be advised that, under separate cover, NTH Consultants, Ltd. will be sending to you today by overnight mail a draft of the "Work Plan to Address Housedust Cleaning of Residences, Palmerton, Carbon County, Pennsylvania." NTH and Zinc Corporation of America (ZCA) have been diligently working to produce this document for our collective review and discussion by today, December 18, 1991. With few exceptions, the document that you receive tomorrow will contain the substantive elements of the "work plan" or Response Action Plan (RAP). Several missing items, such as the Homeowner Agreements and Notice Letter, the Health and Safety Plan and the QAPP will be available as soon as possible, some of them on Friday, December 20, 1991, when we meet in your offices.

Repeating, we and NTH are expediting development of the RAP as I indicated we would do in my letter to you of December 4, 1991. Also, as you know, our outside counsel transmitted by facsimile on December 17, 1991 our marked-up revision to your draft Second Amendment to the Palmerton Administrative Order by Consent received by us on December 11, 1991.

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It is ZCA's intention to engage in constructive dialogue with the Agency on both of these documents when we meet this Friday. Our commitment remains to bring this process to a mutually satisfactory conclusion in a timely manner. Our resources are available to ensure that result.

Sincerely,



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Vice President  
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